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Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims

Please amend Claims 1, 21, 50, 53 and 54. The Claim Listing below will replace all prior versions of the claims in the application:

Claim Listing

1. (Currently Amended) A plastic article comprising:
a first plastic portion having a series of protrusions extending therefrom and adjacent to each other; and
a second plastic portion molded between and over the protrusions of the first plastic portion, thereby forming a projecting protuberance on the plastic article having a desired profile, at least some of the protrusions extending into locations of the protuberance that are projected from the plastic article.
2. (Original) The article of Claim 1 in which the protrusions extending from the first plastic portion are contoured to provide a general approximation of the desired profile of the protuberance.
3. (Original) The article of Claim 2 in which the protrusions each have a height and a thickness, the height being greater than the thickness.
4. (Original) The article of Claim 2 in which the plastic article is a container, the first plastic portion being an inner container portion and the second plastic portion being an outer container portion molded over the inner container portion.
5. (Original) The article of Claim 4 in which the inner container portion includes an inner pattern formed thereon for supporting a corresponding outer pattern on the outer container portion.

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6. (Original) The article of Claim 4 in which the protuberance forms an upper rim of the container.
7. (Original) The article of Claim 6 in which the plastic article is a flower pot.
8. (Original) The article of Claim 7 in which the inner container portion has a fluted side wall.
9. (Original) The article of Claim 7 in which the protrusions are horizontal fins.
10. (Original) The article of Claim 7 in which the protrusions are vertical fins.
11. (Original) The article of Claim 7 in which the protrusions are fins with a zigzag pattern.
12. (Original) The article of Claim 1 in which the protuberance is on one of a chair and a table.
- 13-20 (Canceled)
21. (Currently Amended) A method of forming a plastic article comprising:
providing a first plastic portion having a series of protrusions extending therefrom and adjacent to each other; and
molding a second plastic portion between and over the protrusions of the first plastic portion to form a projecting protuberance on the plastic article of a desired profile, at least some of the protrusions extending into locations of the protuberance that are projected from the plastic article.
22. (Original) The method of Claim 21 further comprising forming the first plastic portion by injection molding in a first mold configuration.

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23. (Original) The method of Claim 22 further comprising injection molding the second plastic portion.
24. (Original) The method of Claim 23 further comprising molding the second plastic portion over the first plastic portion in a second mold configuration.
25. (Original) The method of Claim 24 further comprising providing the first plastic portion with mineral fillers for reducing cooling time of the first plastic portion.
26. (Original) The method of Claim 23 further comprising contouring the protrusions to provide a general approximation of the desired profile of the protuberance.
27. (Original) The method of Claim 26 further comprising forming each protrusion with a height and thickness, the height being greater than the thickness.
28. (Original) The method of Claim 23 in which the plastic article is a container, the method further comprising forming the first plastic portion as an inner container portion and the second plastic portion as an outer container portion molded over the inner container portion.
29. (Original) The method of Claim 28 further comprising forming an inner pattern on the inner container portion for supporting a corresponding outer pattern on the outer container portion.
30. (Original) The method of Claim 28 further comprising forming the protuberance into an upper rim of the container.
31. (Original) The method of Claim 30 further comprising forming the plastic article into a flower pot.

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32. (Original) The method of Claim 31 further comprising forming the inner container portion with a fluted side wall.
33. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 31 further comprising forming the protrusions as horizontal fins.
34. (Original) The method of Claim 31 further comprising forming the protrusions as vertical fins.
35. (Original) The method of Claim 31 further comprising forming the protrusions as fins with a zigzag pattern.
36. (Original) The method of Claim 23 further comprising forming the protuberance on one of a chair and a table.
- 37-48 (Canceled)
49. (Previously Presented) The article of Claim 1 in which the protuberance is unitary and thickened.
50. (Currently Amended) A plastic article comprising:
a first plastic portion having a series of protrusions extending therefrom and adjacent to each other; and
a second plastic portion extending between and over the protrusions of the first plastic portion, thereby forming a projecting protuberance on the plastic article having a desired profile, at least some of the protrusions extending into locations of the protuberance that are projected from the plastic article.
51. (Previously Presented) The article of Claim 50 in which the protuberance is unitary and thickened.

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52. (Previously Presented) The article of Claim 51 in which the second plastic portion is molded between and over the protrusions of the first plastic portion.
53. (Currently Amended) A method of forming a plastic article comprising:
- providing a first plastic portion having a series of protrusions extending therefrom and adjacent to each other, the first plastic portion being formed by injection molding in a first mold configuration;
 - providing the first plastic portion with mineral fillers for reducing cooling time of the first plastic portion; and
 - injection molding a second plastic portion between and over the protrusions of the first plastic portion in a second mold configuration to form a projecting protuberance on the plastic article of a desired profile, at least some of the protrusions extending into locations of the protuberance that are projected from the plastic article.
54. (Currently Amended) A method of forming a plastic article comprising:
- providing a first plastic portion having a series of protrusions extending therefrom and adjacent to each other; and
 - extending a second plastic portion between and over the protrusions of the first plastic portion to form a projecting protuberance on the plastic article of a desired profile, at least some of the protrusions extending into locations of the protuberance that are projected from the plastic article.
55. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 54 further comprising forming an unitary thickened protuberance.
56. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 55 further comprising molding the second plastic portion between and over the protrusions of the first plastic portion.
57. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 21 further comprising forming a unitary thickened protuberance.